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City to get five new Walmarts

Five new Walmarts will open in Edmonton within the next year, the company announced Tuesday.

Stores will be located at Northgate Centre, Westmount Centre, South Park Centre, Abbottsfield Mall and Meadowlark Shopping Centre.

In total, Walmart plans to complete 73 projects between Feb. 1 of this year and Jan. 31, 2013. Those projects include the 39 Zellers purchased that will reopen as Walmarts.

The expansion will bring store totals throughout the country to more than 375 by the end of next January.

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Witness testimony disputed

Court heard from a witness in the trial of Justin Faltermier, who faces manslaughter charges for the 2009 death of Blaine McNall, saying the accused called him three times on the night of a fatal stabbing.

Michael Scott said Faltermier told him in one phone call from the party he'd dropped him off at earlier that he'd stabbed someone, but Scott said he brushed it off.

During cross examination, the defence said phone records showed Scott made the last two calls, calling into question his credibility. ● METRO

Cap. Homelessness



► Ria Wilson, left, and Nikki Comeault sell toques at Churchill LRT station in downtown Edmonton during the Tuesday morning commute.

HEATHER MCINTYRE/METRO

Toque Tuesday aims to raise the roof

Homeward Trust, along with other local agencies and sponsors, sold toques for \$10 each as part of Toque Tuesday, a national Raising the Roof charity campaign dedicated to finding long-term solutions for homelessness. Eighty per cent of the funds will stay in Edmonton, while 20 per cent will support the national initiative.

Decorator faces fraud charges

► Dozens out total of \$45,000 in deposits for nuptial-related rentals, RCMP say ► Wedding decorator accused of failing to deliver on big day



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Alanna Lamarche paid Amy Conibear a \$500 deposit in exchange for a discount on her wedding-linen rental bill last summer, but instead what got she was swindled, she claims.

Conibear was hired through Amour Decor in February 2011, and when Lamarche tried contacting her to confirm details in April, it's alleged she start-

ed rescheduling meetings.

"She made multiple excuses, from 'My child's in the Stollery hospital' to 'My grandmother died,'" said Lamarche, adding Conibear eventually stopped returning calls.

When she realized she'd lost her money, she created a Facebook page and learned she was one of dozens of brides in the same boat, she says.

"Some people were out \$3,000. One girl had to cancel her entire wedding," said Lamarche.

Christina Frizzell of Sweet Bliss Weddings says she got a lot of panicked calls from brides left in the lurch and rental companies out of inventory who'd dealt with Conibear.

She and other planners banded together to link the would-be wives with new vendors and decorators, Frizzell says.

The RCMP have been investigating since May 27, 2011, says Const. Barb Roy, adding investigators needed time to speak to 78 alleged clients.

The allegations

► Mike Berezowski of Service Alberta said complaints started coming in last June. There were 36 reports about Amour Decor before the RCMP took over the probe.

► Stony Plain RCMP have charged Amy Conibear with 73 counts of fraud after she allegedly collected and kept deposits of \$45,000 from at least 78 clients.

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Throne speech promises smart spending

► Local health authorities to get greater say in care decisions ► Work touted on national energy program

Premier Alison Redford's government has opened its pre-election spring sitting of the legislature with a throne speech promising smarter spending.

"It's time for foundational change," Lt.-Gov. Don Ethell read Tuesday from the speech, which promised smarter spending through zero-based budgets and predictable funding.

"It won't be easy, but it is the right way to better manage the annual unpredictability in the budgeting process. Alberta's current fiscal framework relies too heavily on volatile energy revenue as a source of income."

Ethell reiterated that the government will phase in zero-based budgeting over the next three years to keep program spending on track. Deputy Premier Doug

Horner said last week that legislation to that effect will be introduced as Bill 1 during the sitting.

Such budgeting means politicians and their officials don't simply add or subtract from existing line items. Rather, the entire budget from the year before is scrapped and rebuilt to make sure all spending matches stated goals.

Fiscal conservatives such as the Wildrose party and the Alberta Liberals believe zero-based budgeting is the way to go. But they say the Progressive Conservatives, with their string of deficit budgets, are not the ones to do it.

The NDP, meanwhile, says zero-based budgeting will be a stalking horse to slash programs and privatize jobs.

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Taxing matter

► Wildrose party Leader Danielle Smith, who is campaigning on a platform of balanced budgets and fiscal accountability, said Premier Alison Redford's promise of a tax review is a sign a tax increase is looming.

► "After months of speculation about how the PCs are going to raise our taxes, we now have a pretty clear road map," Smith said.

► The Alberta government has rung up four consecutive multibillion-dollar deficits, with a fifth expected when Finance Minister Ron Liepert delivers the 2012-13 budget on Thursday.



► Premier Alison Redford makes her way to her seat before Tuesday's speech from the throne in the provincial legislature in Edmonton. The Progressive Conservatives have opened the spring sitting by promising smarter spending, better health care and more jobs.



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News in brief

► Matthew Anderson



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Police seek suspect after break-in

WEAPONS. Edmonton police are looking for a 27-year-old man in connection with a weapons complaint and forced entry in the area of 133 Avenue and 90 Street around 4:30 p.m. Jan. 29.

Matthew Lorne Anderson, who should be considered armed and dangerous, allegedly injured a man and a woman, then fled in a stolen car, said police.

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Residents visit homes after fire

BELONGINGS. Some residents of the Parsons Landing apartment building in Fort McMurray, which went up in flames Sunday, were able to gather some belongings on Tuesday, as an investigation into a cause and the alarm systems continues.

Fire investigators say the blaze began outside the building. ● METRO

Searching for host with the most

AMATEUR CHEFS. Dinner party hosts, get ready.

Come Dine With Me Canada is branching outside of Ontario for the first time, taking applications from amateur chefs in Edmonton for the third season of the W Network television show.

To apply, email comedinewithme@proprtelevision.com or call 1-866-598-2591.

Producers will meet with the best candidates in March. ● METRO

Elton John to skip Edmonton, Calgary

Elton John fans who live in Alberta's big cities and were expecting a live performance had their hopes crushed Tuesday, as his announced tour dates don't include Edmonton or Calgary.

Lethbridge's Enmax Centre will host Sir Elton on April 24, with tickets going on sale this Saturday at 10 a.m.

Red Deer's Enmax Centre welcomes the Pinball Wizard April 25, while Grande Prairie's Crystal Centre plays host April 25.

Ticket sales for those shows begin Friday at 10 a.m. at livenation.com.

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The starting ticket price for Elton John in Red Deer, Grande Prairie and Lethbridge.

Consider another LRT station on existing line: Councillor

► Southwest neighbourhoods interested in LRT station: Iveson ► City says stations not immediately necessary will be planned for new LRT lines



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Adding an LRT station to the existing line is desired by residents in south Edmonton, says a city councillor.

Coun. Don Iveson made a formal inquiry Tuesday regarding the possibility of a station at 40 Avenue between

Southgate and Century Park.

It was discussed during south LRT planning in 2005, said Iveson, and was brought up again during the last election.

"It's a low-density area right now, but either side of 40 Avenue has redevelopment opportunities," he said.

Bob Boutilier, general manager of

transportation, said the 3.3-kilometre stretch is "about the right distance for another station. And looking at that area, there is potential for growth."

While the station was not previously planned, some spots along the southeast and west LRT lines will be marked for possible future stations if an area develops, said Boutilier.

New guidelines approved in 2009 call for LRT stations to be closer together, said Iveson, adding he doesn't want a new station built at the expense of other LRT work. He backs the idea only if funding is available.

A report on the feasibility and cost of the station is due within two months.



► City administration will return to council's transportation and infrastructure committee with a report on the feasibility and cost of adding an LRT station to the existing line at 40 Avenue in southwest Edmonton.

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A win and a delay for gay couples

- Court rules against marriage ban
- But more U.S. challenges ahead

A U.S. federal appeals court Tuesday declared California's same-sex marriage ban unconstitutional.

The move puts the bitterly contested law on track to reach the U.S. Supreme Court.

A three-judge panel of the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled 2-1 that a lower-court judge correctly interpreted the U.S. Constitution and Supreme Court precedents when he declared in 2010 that Proposition 8 — a response to an earlier state court decision that legalized gay marriage

— was a violation of the civil rights of gays and lesbians.

But the appeals court said gay marriages cannot resume in the state.

They must wait until the deadline passes for Proposition 8 sponsors to appeal to a larger panel of the 9th Circuit.

"Proposition 8 serves no purpose ... other than to lessen the status and human dignity of gays and lesbians in California," said Judge Stephen Reinhardt.

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They support it ...



► Supporters of gay marriage react after the court decision in San Francisco.

... they're against it



► People rally in New Hampshire in support of replacing the same-sex marriage law.

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Sex-abuse probe ousts staff at school

The entire staff at a Los Angeles elementary school is being removed while authorities investigate allegations of sexual abuse by two of the school's teachers.

One of the teachers is accused of blindfolding

children, taping their mouths and photographing them in a classroom.

Los Angeles Unified School District Supt. John Deasy said more than 120 staff members at Miramonte Elementary School — everyone from the principal and teachers to the cafeteria workers — were being replaced.

A full investigation of the allegations will be disruptive and staffers will require support to get through the scandal, Deasy told parents.

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Just pop a coin for 'morning-after' pill

Students at a U.S. university can obtain the "morning-after" emergency contraceptive pill from a vending machine.

The machine at the Shippensburg University health centre in Pennsyl-

vania provides the Plan B emergency contraceptive along with condoms and pregnancy tests.

"I think it's great that the school is giving us this option," junior Chelsea Wehking said Tuesday.

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SKILLS FOR SUCCESS

El Salvador is a tiny country — less than half the size of Nova Scotia, with a population about the size of the GTA — but it is one of the most dangerous countries in the Western hemisphere. There were 3,985 violent deaths in El Salvador in 2010, most related to gang activity; that is a higher per-capita number than in Afghanistan.

That's why communities place a high priority on giving their young people tools to build a future. "Our preschool centres are critically important," says Laura Mata, chief of communications for World Vision El Salvador, which works with community groups to create programs to ad-

dress their most pressing needs. "By giving small children a good educational foundation, they're ready for Grade 1. They're then more likely to be successful and less likely to flunk out or quit later."

World Vision's Children's Clubs and Youth Clubs not only provide young people with a safe place to socialize, but also give them life skills and vocational training. (In one club, Kevin, 15 was learning to bake bread and fancy pastries; in another, a band of musicians practiced while another group took learned to paint.)

Carlos, who is now 17, remembers the first time he went to a World Vi-

sion Communications Club in Tacuba, a small mountain town near the Guatemalan border where local gangs are particularly powerful. "I was 13. Some of my friends had been to the club and done a radio show, and they needed more people. I went. I was very nervous. But it was such a nice experience my [nervousness] vanished."

Before that, Carlos had been playing hookey from school since age 10, had failed 4th grade and fallen in with a sketchy group. At the club, "I got really involved. I realized I had to stop doing the things I'd been doing. I started studying again." Today he

DAVID TSCIOULIS



World Vision's Youth Clubs give children a place to have fun and learn, nurturing talents that give them hope for a productive, fulfilling future.

leads other teens in the group and works half-days at a local professional radio station while attending high school.

Of course World Vision Canada sponsorships support efforts like nutrition and health care programs in El Salvador. But Laura believes that is just as important to "improve knowl-

edge. You can't change lives by just giving tangible things," she says. "Change comes by giving life skills and vocational skills so that [young people] can be someone in the future."

At the Tacuba Communications Club, says Carlos, "getting into the radio shows is what changed my life."



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► Scientists speculate Lake Vostok
holds secrets about prehistoric
micro-organisms ► Frigid Antarctic
location restricts access

The coldest place on earth may have stopped scientists tantalizingly short of tapping into a 15-million-year-old mystery of a buried Antarctic lake.

Racing against time and plunging temperatures, Russian scientists have been drilling nearly four kilometres beneath the bleak central Antarctic surface to reach Lake Vostok, about the size of Lake Ontario.

The Russian news agency RIA Novosti quoted sources on Monday as saying they have finally touched the liquid lake surface, 20 years after the controversial project started in earnest.

The head of the Russian mission pulled back on Tuesday, however, telling Nature magazine the data are still being analyzed to confirm the hit.

Timing is vital: The last flight out of the area left Monday as Antarctica's short summer vanished and temperatures started falling. By February, the

"If they were successful, their efforts will transform the way we do science in Antarctica and provide us with an entirely new view of what exists under the vast Antarctic ice sheet."

ANTARCTIC SPECIALIST JOHN PRISCU
OF MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY

Russian Arctic and Antarctic Research Institute reported, temperatures on the ice above Lake Vostok hover around -42 C. In March, they fall to -61 C.

The coldest temperature on Earth, -89 C, was recorded there in 1983.

"Only when I have this (data) can I say we penetrated (the lake)," Valery Lukin, director of the Russian Antarctic program, told Nature. "We



want to be sure we have really reached the surface of Lake Vostok.

"As soon as we get it officially confirmed, this information will be disseminated among the international community," said Lukin.

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Burst dam devastates Bulgarian village

Swollen rivers in Bulgaria and Greece burst their banks Tuesday, leaving dozens of homes underwater, as Bulgarian officials declared a day of mourning for eight people confirmed killed after a dam collapse nearly washed away their village.

Bulgaria's civil defence agency warned that two other, bigger dams were also on the brink of spilling over and residents were urged to prepare for an evacuation. Authorities have started a controlled release of water from the dams to prevent overflow.



► Rescuers carry a man in a dinghy to safety.

Europeans across the continent have been battling more than a week of extreme weather, with thousands still trapped by

snow in remote, mountain villages in the Balkans. Hundreds are dead after temperatures went as low as -36 C. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

lake catches chill

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► Prince Albert II of Monaco, third from left, poses with scientists at the Vostok research station near the South Pole in this file photo from 2009.

Russians strike while it's hot — at least by Antarctic standards

This year's drilling began Jan. 2 (when temperatures are their warmest, about -36 C during the day) and progressed by about 1.75 metres a day, the Arctic and Antarctic Research Institute has said.

When the team resumed drilling last year

on Jan. 2, they had already reached 3,650 metres, Nature reported.

At that time Lukin said: "We can make it."

Russian scientists plan to send a swimming robot into the lake in the Antarctic summer of 2012-13. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

Provocative remarks rock French parliament

The French parliament erupted in an uproar Tuesday after a lawmaker accused the interior minister of flirting with Nazi ideology.

Socialist lawmaker Serge Letchimy from Martinique questioned Interior Minister Claude Gueant about his comments that some civilizations — notably France's — are worth more than others.

Gueant's remarks, which have caused a firestorm, had been widely seen as a putdown of Muslims. Opposition Socialists have called the comments an attempt

'Shame'

Conservative Prime Minister Francois Fillon, in a statement, called Letchimy's comment "an indecent provocation" that "brings shame on those who make it."

by President Nicolas Sarkozy's conservatives to woo far-right votes ahead of the two-round presidential election in April and May.

Tuesday's session of government questions had to be suspended after lawmakers from Sarkozy's conser-

vative UMP party began walking out in a noisy protest.

Letchimy said Gueant is "day by day leading us back to these European ideologies that gave birth to concentration camps."

After a loud protests interrupted him, he added: "Mr. Gueant, the Nazi regime, which was so concerned about purity, was that a civilization?"

Speaking to reporters later, Letchimy said "as the son of a slave, I cannot accept this kind of phrase" like the one used by Gueant. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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Trip to tighten bond with China

► While in Beijing, PM wants to discuss developing a long-term strategy



► Prime Minister Stephen Harper and his wife, Laureen, arrive in Beijing on Tuesday.

Centuries ago, emperors flocked to the Temple of Heaven in Beijing to pray for a good harvest.

And that's where Prime Minister Stephen Harper will make one of his first stops on a trip through China, continuing a course he set two years ago to harvest more of the country's wealth.

The trip comes amid a re-

newed focus on Canada's ability to satiate China's growing thirst for oil — a thirst that's reflected itself in billions of dollars worth of Chinese investment in Canada's oilfields since 2009.

One route is the Northern Gateway pipeline, which could deliver oil from Alberta to ports in B.C., then onwards to Chi-

na. But hearings into the pipeline have just begun.

So, though oil and gas executives form part of the 40-strong business contingent along for Harper's trip, it is other sectors ready for greater Chinese involvement that will be the focus of Harper's tour.

This is Harper's second visit to China since 2009. The two countries have grown closer thanks to a series of high-level meetings.

Harper is hoping to push forward the relationship with a series of events highlighting people as much as product, as well as signing new deals.

Among the deals in the works is the foreign-investment protection agreement, which has been under negotiation with China for almost 20 years. Business groups would like to see an agreement reached, as it would give both sides

confidence to expand trade.

The delegation on the trip includes five cabinet ministers, six Tory MPs, and 40 business and community leaders, including high-level executives from the energy and agriculture sectors.

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News in brief

Canada's a seller's market, senators hear

COMPETITION. There are many reasons why retailers charge consumers more in

Canada than they do in the United States, but one is simply that they can, witnesses told a Senate committee Tuesday. Representatives of Canada's manufacturers and consumer-advocacy groups focused on the same point — the lack of competition in Canada's retail sector — as a possible key component for the continuing price gap. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Tweak system for jobs: Report

IMMIGRATION. The federal government could put the equivalent of 370,000 more people to work if it tweaked the immigration system to focus on needs of the job market, says a new report by Toronto-Dominion Bank. Disparity has grown steadily and immigrants don't have much hope of seeing the salary gap close until the second generation. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Anger in Greece as austerity talks delayed

Greece's private creditors signalled progress late Tuesday on a debt-relief deal but crucial talks between Greek coalition leaders about forcing more austerity upon a hostile public were again postponed.

Anger flared on the streets of Athens as more

than 20,000 protesters marched through the Greek capital and unions called a general strike Tuesday against the new cuts in jobs and spending. The strike halted trains and ferries, closed down schools and banks, and put state hospitals on short staffing.

"They are committing a crime against the country. They are driving wage-earners into poverty and wiping out pensioners and the unemployed,"

said Vangelis Moutafis, a senior member of Greece's largest union, the GSEE.

Greek Prime Minister Lucas Papademos delayed a meeting with his coalition parties till Wednesday, staying in talks until late in the night with top bank nego-

► Passengers wait for buses in Athens during a strike on Tuesday.



tiators and debt inspectors from the EU and the International Monetary Fund.

Greece faces time pressure to secure a \$170-billion US bailout from partners and the IMF without which it will default in March on its debts. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Market moment

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Halliburton to ditch

RIM for Apple

In another blow to Canadian smartphone maker Research In Motion, energy-drilling giant Halliburton Co. says it will re-

place its company-issued BlackBerrys with competitor Apple's iPhone.

Halliburton said Tuesday it is making the move after deciding that Apple's technology works better with the programs it uses in the field.

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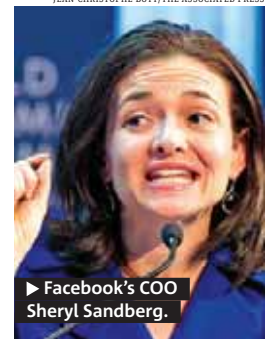
If Facebook chief operating officer Sheryl Sandberg isn't one of the richest women in the world, she'll be one of them soon.

According to reports, she

made \$30.9 million US last year, while her estimated 1.7 per cent stake in Facebook could boost her net worth to roughly \$1.7 billion once the social-networking giant's IPO is complete. The 42-year-old is one of the world's most successful executives, and when she talks about gender and the workplace, people listen. She told a panel at the World Economic Forum that inequalities and

double standards, including a sizeable "ambition gap," impede women from childhood. "We reward men for being leaders, for being assertive, for taking risks, for being competitive," she told a panel on the future of women in business. "(But) we teach women as young as four to lay back, be communal. We need our girls to be ambitious to achieve in the workforce."

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► Facebook's COO Sheryl Sandberg.

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WHEN BUZZ PHRASE TURNS TO BUZZ KILL

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PR types and consumers alike to describe something that is "taking off" (when it isn't always), that it has definitely more than hit its tipping point — and could soon jump the shark. "Going viral" has become one of the sexiest phrases out there, and essential-ly means becoming extremely popular in a very short amount of time.

Now everyone wants to be part of something that's going viral, whether they're creating it or sharing it. The Internet and social media, of course, have fuelled virality in ways pre-Internet couldn't do, and the term "going viral" has seeped into popular culture.

It's referred to everywhere — in movies, TV, music and even books.

Whether it's a YouTube video, a tweet, a Facebook photo, a meme, interactive flash game, app, software or a forwarded email, attaching the message "going viral" is an exciting way to get people to click on something and pass it on to others.

Certainly much of the shared stuff is awesome, but "going viral" has become so ubiquitous, so overused, that, often as

not, it refers to things that aren't going viral.

The term is used as kind of a desperate gimmick by marketers to generate exposure for products and by everyday people looking for fame for stuff that really isn't catching on in the least.

So ... I propose the time has come for all of us to start being far more discriminating about our use of "going viral," to have some criteria and rules for what "going viral" is (e.g., 100,000 YouTube views in a matter of days is "going viral"; 9,000 views is not).

If we don't, we're totally going to ruin the meaning of this phrase through its overuse. People will stop clicking on it — or be far more suspicious — of anything that says "going viral." It will come more to mean "going anti-viral." Or buzz kill.

Failing that, perhaps we just move past it altogether and begin to use new words and phrases to describe the phenomenon of something getting popular really fast. Phrases like "holy contagious!" or "completely insane!" or "crazy buzz!"

Those could just as easily start to generate new excitement for something taking off.

So, yes, as I was saying, this column is totally going viral, er, holy contagious!

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He has pins and needles

Pain and prayer at Hindi fest

It looks like this unfortunate man has got tangled in some gigantic bicycle wheel.

But in reality this contraption is a centerpiece to Tuesday's Hindi festival of Thaipusam. Here, a devotee carries a "Kavadi" along a four-kilometre route from the Sri Srinivasa Perumal, one of Singapore's oldest temples. ● MWN

Thaipusam facts

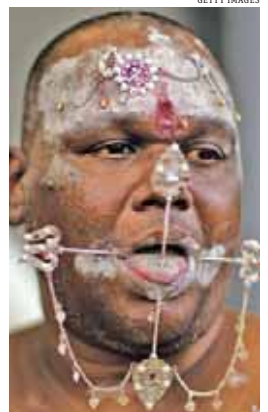
- ▶ **For the faint-hearted, too:** Those not keen on self-impalement offer pots of milk to the gods.
- ▶ **Body be pure:** 48 days before the event, devotees abstain from meat, alcohol and sex.
- ▶ **Skin-pulling day:** Devotees pull carts by ropes hooked on their backs.

Physical bond to divine forces

Thaipusam, a Hindu festival marked in the Tamil month of Thai (in January or February, depending on the full moon), celebrates the deity Murugan. Devotees pierce body parts such as cheeks and tongues before carrying the "Kavadi."

These rituals stress the zealot's physical devotion to divine forces.

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Local tweets



▶ @Albertaardvark: Throne speech sum

up: Govt promises to fix up all the mistakes they made. Trust us, this time it'll be different. #40isenough #ymm #yyc #yeg

▶ @Burkeboy: "You should take a picture of that meal and share it with me and everyone you know on Twitter!" -No one, ever. #yeg

▶ @Dave_CHED: The way it's going, Fantuz is going to get QB \$\$\$. How much are the Ti-cats and Argos going offer?? #Eskimos #CFL #yeg

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- Tickets for the Juno Awards go on sale Friday
- Nickelback, Drake, Feist, Hedley among Juno nomination leaders

Who will rule this year's Junos?



► Deadmau5, a.k.a. Joel Zimmerman, appears on stage during the Juno Award nominations announcement Tuesday in Toronto.

City and Colour, Dan Mangan, Drake, Feist, Hedley and Nickelback led the Juno Award nominations Tuesday with four nods apiece, setting up a wide-open race at this year's gala in Ottawa.

No one artist managed to rise above the pack as nominations were announced at a glitzy, crammed gathering in Toronto. After the first group of nominees, Avril Lavigne, Michael Bublé and Deadmau5 followed with three nods each.

Teen sensation Justin Bieber also earned a pair of nominations — including one for album of the year — while other multiple nominees included Blue Rodeo co-frontman Jim Cuddy, Hamilton rockers Jim Cuddy, Hamilton rockers Jim Cuddy and Montreal-based indie-rockers

Braids.

With so many multiple nominees, many artists will be duking it out with one another over and over again in several categories.

"I could kick Bieber's ass but not Drake — he's a bit hardcore," laughed Niagara Falls, Ont., electronic producer Deadmau5 (nee Joel Zimmerman), who's up for the Juno fan choice award and artist of the year — a nomination he called a "shocker."

He's probably less surprised about being up for best dance recording, a category he's won four years in a row.

"It's not really weird when you're only one of like five Canadians making dance music these days," he said of the unique scenario. "(But)

I'm sure a lot more are, and that just kind of paves the way for a lot more to be recognized."

Cuddy, meanwhile, has two nominations for his third solo record, Sky-scraper Soul, on the same night that Blue Rodeo will be inducted into the Canadian Music Hall of Fame.

"It's huge," Cuddy said. "Obviously we love the status we have as a band choice award and artist of a long time, but you do want your newest work to be acknowledged. So I'm very, very pleased."

Of the marquee names nominated, Mangan might have come as a surprise to some fans. Among his four nods, the 28-year-old Vancouver native is up for new artist of the year and songwriter of the year, a category in which

Shatner's show

Star Trek icon William Shatner has been named host of the April 1 gala, to be broadcast on CTV.

► Picking Shatner to oversee the awards is a generational shift from last year, when the show was hosted by Toronto rapper Drake, who received strong reviews for showcasing his comedic side during his turn as MC.



► William Shatner

he'll compete with Cuddy, Ron Sexsmith, Feist and Dallas Green.

Album of the year will pit Christmas albums by Bieber and Bublé up against the latest from Drake, Avril Lavigne and Nickelback, while the field for artist of the year includes City and Colour,

Deadmau5, Feist, Bublé and, yes, Drake again.

More performers were also added to the lineup on Tuesday — including group of the year nominees Nickelback and Hedley — joining Feist, City and Colour, Deadmau5 and Blue Rodeo.

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Madge is back



Madonna's not finished with stadiums. Live Nation Entertainment announced Tuesday that the Material Girls first tour since 2009 will include a Sept. 6 show at Yankee Stadium. Her world tour will start May 29 in Tel Aviv, Israel. The North American portion of the tour will include Montreal, San Jose and Cleveland.

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Beyoncé baby body bouncing back into form

TIME TO MAKE THE ROUNDS Beyoncé showed off her post-baby body in her first public outing since giving birth a month ago, attending husband Jay-Z's charity concert at Carnegie Hall, according to Us Weekly.



The new mom reportedly made the most of her night out at the concert's after-party, as well.

"She made a much bigger effort to say hello to nearly everyone, making rounds around the whole club before joining Jay-Z and guests in the VIP room," a source says.

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Russell wants his brand on Deschanel

► Katy Perry look-alike and New Girl star caught the eye of Russell Brand

THE WORD

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In the wake of his split from Katy Perry, Russell Brand has reportedly set his sights on New Girl

star Zooey Deschanel — and has been sending her "fun, flirty texts," according to Hollyscoop.

Sources say that Brand "thinks she's hysterically funny and cute, too. He loves her quirky sense of humour, and thinks they'd be great together both on- and off screen."

Coincidentally (or not!), Deschanel filed for divorce from husband Ben Gibbard just days before Brand filed for divorce from Perry.

This is weird, because the fact the two women look alike is well documented.

In 2009, Deschanel actually complained to MTV News about constantly being confused with the pop-

"He loves her quirky sense of humour, and thinks they'd be great together..."
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► Russell Brand has been courting a woman who looks a lot like his ex Katy Perry.

ular Perry.

"It's a little bit annoying, to be totally blunt. The only similarity that we

have is that we look a little bit alike," she told the site. "I have met her before. She seems like a nice person.

I'm happy that she's famous enough now that she's not going out and being mistaken for me."

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Travel in brief



One of the 20th century's most famous performers who spent his childhood in Appleton, Wis., will be the subject of an exhibit at the Madison Museum of Contemporary Art. The show about magician and escape artist Harry Houdini will examine his life, legend and cultural influence. Houdini: Art and Magic starts Feb. 11 and runs through May 13.

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For the fashionista:
Score a fabulous find from a local designer

Montreal is fiercely proud of its homegrown designers — and stepping into their boutiques, it's not hard to see why. For the conscientious snow bunny, Harricana (3000 rue Saint-Antoine Ouest, 514-287-6517) is a dream come true: Designer Mariouche Gagne upcycles outdated fur fashions into

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classically cool new pieces, like a knitted fur vest.

For more secondhand finds, pop into the "frieries" in the trendy Plateau District. We like Folles Alliees (365 Av. du Mont-Royal E., 514-843-4904) for its finely curated, mint-condition vintage pieces and Retromania Boutique (820 Av. du Mont-

Royal E., 514-596-2618) for its well-organized, affordable finds that could have come from your hip sister's closet.

For the culturephile:
Eat your way through the city like a local

You could spend hours in Montreal's markets, sampling the local food and mingling with the peo-

ple who grow and purchase it. Little Italy's Jean-Talon Market (7070 Henri-Julien St., 514-937-7754) is a year-round emporium of all things fresh and a true feast for all your senses.

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- ▶ Snack and drink your way around town for a tasty, traditional experience



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You wouldn't normally rate an eatery by how dirty the floor is, but in San Sebastian, Spain, the more discarded napkins and toothpicks that pile on the floor, the better. Here, the mountain of debris beneath your feet is a sign of a popular place to eat pintxos, the Basque region's answer to tapas.

The wealthy coastal city of San Sebastian has more Michelin stars per resident than any other

area in the world, but you don't need to be a millionaire to enjoy pintxos; these elegant bite-sized snacks cost just a couple of euros a plate, and are presented on the counter of bars throughout town.

Locals meet for a few pintxos washed down with a tumbler of txacoli, a local slightly-sparkling dry white wine, just before going home for din-

ner. The custom is to ask the barman for a plate, load it up with pintxos that tickle your fancy, then pay up for whatever you eat and drink when you leave. These tasty treats often feature local ingredients including ham, prawn, mushrooms and peppers spiked with a toothpick. Gilda, a tiny skewer of olive, anchovy and pepper, is a classic.

A tasting tour

The alleyways of the city's picturesque old town is peppered with bars offering pintxos of every sort, but as you'd expect, the standard is not equal everywhere, so to help us navigate the bars, we hitched a ride with a handful of other gastronomists on a pintxos-tasting tour with gastronomic experience organizers San Sebastian Food.

Our cheery guide, Elin, not only took away the anxiety of uncovering and ordering the best pintxos at



▶ Pintxos

the best bars, but she gave us real insight into a region and city where food is taken so seriously that men meet up to cook and eat at 'txoko,' private gents-only eating societies where — in other cities — they might congregate at a golf or squash club.

First stop was a bar owned by former boxer Paco Bueno, specializing in 'gambas en gabardine,' plump prawns deep-fried in their batter 'jackets.' A couple of alleyways away we

sunk our teeth into a simple pintxos of perfect, succulent sirloin steak, and a heap of flavoursome green Gernika peppers, washed down with a glass of well-rounded red.

And more...

Round the corner, we scoffed down fried patatas bravas and mussels with a rich spicy sauce. At the next bar, we perched at a table al fresco for rich foie gras and veal cheeks on cauliflower puree. The fi-

nale was a culinary experience at award-winning Zeruko, where we were served a dish of smoking cod with lettuce shot, and a desert of an egg made of lemon cream with a passion fruit 'yolk' to be mopped up with a lemon sponge tower. To finish? A pretty 'Sechuan Button,' a flower that we were told would 'cleanse our palate,' that gave our mouths a searing gustatory trip, a suitably adventurous end to our culinary journey.

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Preparation:

- 1 Melt the butter in the saucepan over medium heat and cook the shallots, garlic and thyme for 5 minutes or until they are softened. Stir in the flour and cook, stirring for 1 minute.

- 2 Whisk in the cream and cook, whisking occasionally for about 10 minutes or until it is thickened enough to coat the back of a spoon. Remove the pot from the heat and add the fontina, Gorgonzola, ricotta and Parmigiano into the cream mixture. Whisk it until it is smooth. Stir in basil and keep warm.

- 3 In a large pot of boiling salted water, cook the penne for 8 minutes. Add the spinach and cook for 2 minutes until

spinach is wilted and pasta is al dente. Drain everything well and return it to pot. Add cheese sauce and stir to combine well. Spoon pasta the mixture into 8 French onion soup bowls and place on large baking sheet.

- 4 Topping: Combine the breadcrumbs, parsley, Parmigiano and butter in bowl. Sprinkle over the pasta. Place in preheated 425 F (220 C) oven and bake for about 10 minutes or until bubbly and golden brown. **EMILY RICHARDS IS A PROFESSIONAL HOME ECONOMIST, COOKBOOK AUTHOR AND A TV CELEBRITY CHEF. FOR MORE, VISIT EMILYRICHARDSCOOKS.CA**

Ingredients:

- 1/4 cup (50 mL) butter
- 2 small shallots, finely chopped
- 4 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 tsp (5 mL) chopped fresh thyme or 1/2 tsp (2 mL) dried
- 1/3 cup (75 mL) all purpose flour
- 3 cups (750 mL) 5% light cream

- 1 cup (250 mL) shredded fontina cheese
- 2/3 cup (150 mL) crumbled Gorgonzola cheese (about 4 oz/125 g)
- 1/2 cup (125 mL) ricotta cheese
- 1/2 cup (125 mL) freshly grated Parmigiano-Reggiano
- 1 1/2 lbs (750 g) penne rigate pasta (about 6 cups/1.5 L)
- 1 bag (10 oz/300 g) baby

- spinach, chopped
- 1/4 cup (50 mL) chopped fresh basil or Italian parsley

Topping:

- 2 cups (500 mL) fresh bread crumbs
- 1/4 cup (50 mL) chopped fresh Italian parsley
- 1/4 cup (50 mL) freshly grated Parmigiano-Reggiano
- 1/4 cup (50 mL) butter, melted



► The recipe makes eight servings.

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Finding the key to co-op success

► Switching majors set this university student on a solid track to academic success ► She explains how

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When I first started at Simon Fraser University, I was happy that my school had a co-op program and I had heard that many students had positive co-op experiences.

However, as time gradually passed and I finally enrolled successfully into the co-op program last March, I realized that I could not find any relevant jobs because of my major: geography.

As I searched through the list of co-op jobs, I figured out that many science co-op jobs were related to environmental science. I realized that I was following the wrong path.

I immediately talked to my advisor and switched my major from geography with an environmental specialty to physical geography, and then to envi-



► Yoko Lu has changed her focus from geography to environmental science.

ronmental science.

A few months passed and I finally had two in-

terviews last August. I did not expect to receive a placement, so I was

shocked when I got a phone call from the co-op advisor, telling me I had an offer.

I was lucky to get a job in my co-op program because I got accepted into the program very late.

My key suggestion to students is not to give up. I kept applying to the job offers even though the job descriptions were not really in my area of study. I would recommend students keep applying even though you may feel uncomfortable with the job or its description.

If you are invited to interviews, you have to keep in mind that the employers receive lots of applications and can only choose a few students to interview and only one will get an offer.

Do not be disappointed even when you do not get the job. You should evaluate any mistakes you have made and correct them.

To help with this process, I believe that schools should have more courses on real world ex-

“Do not be disappointed even when you do not get the job. You should evaluate any mistakes you have made and correct them.”

YOKO LU

periences, such as writing resumés and cover letters, and preparing for interviews.

Workshops are not enough. I think there should be regular courses where students can be taught more efficiently and perhaps students would be able to apply to jobs after their resumés and cover letters are carefully checked by their peers.

Lessons learned

Key take-aways from Yoko's experience:

- Browse job listings to see which skills, experiences and education are in demand.
- Changing your major early on isn't failing — it's OK to change your mind.
- Don't get discouraged! Competition is fierce in many fields and it might take some time to get a job.

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Where Yoko is now

I am currently a co-op student as a research project assistant and I am volunteering at various positions during the weekends, and am still willing to take on new experiences.

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Sometimes it's smarter to accept a demotion as an alternative to dismissal. Especially where there is a good reason for the demotion.

Brooke Haddock's career as a seafood department manager for a Thrifty Foods chain of grocery stores in B.C. was sailing along smoothly until he separated from his wife. Haddock then

turned to alcohol as financial problems and stress from the failed marriage mounted. It clearly affected his performance.

When Haddock continued to show up late for work, he was suspended for four days.

When his performance still did not improve, he was warned that his job was in jeopardy and that, if his poor behaviour continued, he would either be fired or demoted.

However, Haddock's problems with lateness continued and, after his drunkenness made other employee's uncomfortable at a softball tournament, Thrifty had enough. Haddock was permanently demoted from manager to a clerical position, corre-

spondingly with about 15 per cent less pay. Haddock did not report to work.

The legal doctrine of constructive dismissal provides that an employer cannot unilaterally change any important condition of an employee's job, such as job title or pay, without his or her agreement. Since Haddock was demoted and his pay reduced, he opted to sue.

In deciding whether to side with Haddock, the court determined that his 15 per cent pay cut was not, by itself, a material change to his job but when combined with his demotion, he had indeed been constructively dismissed.

However, it was only a pyrrhic victory. Haddock's

damages were almost entirely offset because he failed to accept the clerk's position that Thrifty offered him.

The court's decision may be surprising but it makes sense. Even though Haddock was constructively dismissed, he did not have a reasonable reason to refuse the lesser job.

The irony here is that if he would have first tried the clerk's job and found it humiliating, there likely would be no offset.

The lesson for employees faced with a demotion is clear. They may have to accept the new job unless there is a very good reason to refuse.

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Holistic health care

One largely expanding field is that of holistic healing. CAM — an acronym for Complementary and Alternative Medicine — involves sophisticated practices that include acupuncture and acupressure along with massage therapy.

More schools are offering courses in this study, and more Americans are seeking medical attention in alternative forms: A

National Health Interview Survey found that 38 per cent of adults questioned use a form of alternative or holistic medicine.

Occupational therapists

Occupational therapists assist the elderly and those who have suffered an illness or injury in re-learning everyday skills. It's a flexible job that offers a variety of positions within the system.

"Occupational therapy allows for many jobs in the same career," explains occupational therapist Jeremy R. Furniss, VP of Operations at Ergo Solutions.

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MBA GRADS CAN ANALYZE PROBLEMS FROM MANY ANGLES

With average Canadian MBA students earning as much as \$143,000 after graduation, according to the Financial Post's 2010 MBA program index, there is good reason the masters of business administration is gaining popularity in Canada and worldwide.

Students who have an MBA have been exposed to many different areas of business they probably would not have otherwise, says Shai Dubey, director of the Queen's MBA program and academic director of the university's Masters of International Business. That experience allows MBA grads to analyze problems critically from many angles.



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"You provide added value for your company because you have a well-rounded perspective on how a business should work," he explains.

Going through an MBA program is also about personal exploration, he says. "It's about exploring ... how to leverage your skills, how to minimize your weaknesses."

Queen's MBA students graduate with an understanding of the big picture, but also with the skills to execute on that understanding, Dubey says.

Leadership skills are a vital

component of the degree. "Within an organization people do MBAs because they want to get promoted, and to get promoted you need to be able to lead people," says Dubey.

Good leadership is very different from managing people, he explains. "You can give anyone a title, but that doesn't mean they can actually lead." The Queen's program is designed to give students many opportunities to exercise their leadership skills. It's a trait to look for if you are choosing a school, says Dubey.

Because teamwork is such an impor-

tant aspect of an MBA, the people you work closely with in class can be just as important as the skills you learn.

"You're forming life-long friendships," says Dubey, who adds he regularly sees Queen's alumni recruit for their own businesses from their alma mater because they trust the quality of the education. That's the power of networking.

However, "where people end up very much depends on what kind of background they have and what kind of industry they're going into," Dubey says.

—Stephanie Orford

DOUBLE DEGREE

VIU GRADS GO INTERNATIONAL



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The Vancouver Island University (VIU) masters of business administration program cultivates international business leaders, according to Brock Dykeman, director of MBA programs at VIU.

The university specializes in the international, down to the double degree that students graduate with — an MBA from VIU and a masters of science and international business from the University of Hertfordshire in the U.K.

When VIU students want to work internationally, a degree from the U.K. can look good on the CV, Dykeman explains.

The program focuses on international business throughout, but "some people just like the idea of having two degrees," he says.

VIU students also get the chance to network with others from around

the globe. The school has the highest percentage of international students of any MBA program in Canada, Dykeman says.

"We're very diverse," he says. "I think the business world is just becoming more and more global as time goes on, so students really need to learn about how to deal with people from other cultures and other conditions."

"The program prepares them to work in a multicultural workforce and at an international company."

Because VIU is a small university, students also get a lot of contact with the faculty, most of whom have international experience. But the Nanaimo-based school has local appeal as well as international, with an "outdoorsy West Coast" character, he says.

For more, visit viu.ca/mba.

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“True to the Alberta spirit, our students and alumni are hard working, positive and friendly individuals from many cultures,” says Montgomery.

The Alberta MBA Program typically admits about 80 students, from Canada and around the globe, into the full-time program.

From there, students are then broken into two groups, where they become a close-knit student body, who work together in class and in the community.

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The Alberta MBA Program is proud to have many highly respected women business leaders and future business leaders as part of the program.

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The Alberta MBA Program celebrates its many women alumni and hopes more will join in its ranks.

closely with our students throughout their MBA Program to facilitate the success of our students,” says Montgomery.

In 2011, graduates of the program earned an average salary of more than \$82,000, according to Montgomery.

The Alberta MBA also boasts one of the lowest and competitive tuitions in Canada.

The Alberta School of Business is now accepting applications to all programs, including the full-time, part-time and Fast Track program.

The Fast Track program is for Bachelor of Commerce graduates and takes 10 months, full time, to complete.

For more information about these programs, visit mba.net.

— Candice Ward



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CAPE BRETON UNIVERSITY MBA OFFERED AT NAIT

One Edmonton post-secondary institution is offering students a master of business administration that not only helps students succeed in their careers, but also in the community.

The Cape Breton University MBA in Community Economic Development (CED), offered at NAIT, targets both people working in the corporate and non-corporate world.

"It is the only MBA program in the world that has community in its core and this resonates with people who wish to make a difference in both their careers and their communities," says George Karaphillis, director, MBA in Community Economic Development program for Shannon School of Business, Cape Breton University.

"It is a challenging program that provides grounding not only in business, but also in community engagement, leadership and international management."

The MBA program is designed to cater to individuals who are looking for flexibility to complete an accredited graduate business program in two years on a part-time basis, in interactive classrooms in their own community.

"The MBA is, in general, the most desirable type of program for aspiring leaders and the MBA in CED specifically fills the need for both the corporate and the non-corporate world," says Karaphillis.

For one MBA student, getting her MBA helped her gain the skills needed to step up into another role at the job she already loves.

"I work in the non-profit sector and the emphasis on Community Economic Development was very appealing to me," says Allison Scott, executive director of Family and Children's Services of the Waterloo region, Ont.

"An MSW degree did not prepare me for a senior administrative role, which requires business and leadership skills."

Scott was referred to the MBA program by a colleague and has found the skills she needed to succeed in her career.

"The MBA in CED is filling this gap, and has helped me integrate the business perspective into my work. Now I have the best of both worlds."

For more information about the MBA program available through NAIT by the Cape Breton University, visit nait.ca/program_home_37203.htm.

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Oilers preview

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The Oilers (21-27-5) visit Detroit (35-17-2), which has only lost twice in regulation in 23 home games this season. The Red Wings are winless in their last two after losing 5-4 in a shootout in Edmonton on Saturday and losing 3-1 at Phoenix on Monday. Johan Franzen had Detroit's only goal against the Coyotes and leads the team with 20. Henrik Zetterberg, who has four assists in the past two games, hasn't scored since Jan. 16.

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After Monday night's debacle against the Toronto Maple Leafs, it appears that

on any given night the Oilers have four, maybe five NHL defencemen on their roster.

Naturally, teams dress six and sometimes seven, so you can see where there's a problem here.

True, Toronto is known as a speedy and opportunistic team, but the Oilers looked completely lost defensively.

It almost — almost — makes you wonder where Edmonton would be if the team had tapped defenceman Adam Larsson with the first-pick overall instead of Ryan Nugent-Hopkins.

Not to say that 'The Nuge' hasn't been excellent for the team.

Indeed, were it not for another shoulder setback, he would be the favourite for the Calder Trophy.

But offensive explosiveness could have well been handled by Taylor Hall and Jordan Eberle this season.

Defence is lacking and there's little help in sight.

Currently, Edmonton



► Toronto's Joffrey Lupul prepares to score against Devan Dubnyk on Monday.

leans heavy on Ladislav Smid and Ryan Whitney for blue-line gravitas. Tom Gilbert is back from injury and Jeff Petry up from the minors and both are emerging NHLers with potential.

After that it gets rough. Cam Barker and Corey Potter were disasters against the Leafs, while Theo Peckham and Andy Sutton sat.

The fact toughness is the strongest suit of the latter pair is worth something, but Sutton may be dealt at the deadline anyway.

Not helping matters is the fact Edmonton's forwards are far from conscientious in their own zone. Nugent-Hopkins wields an effective forechecking stick, but ended up minus-3 on the night and didn't even play in the third.

Ryan Smyth didn't seem very concerned with much of anything in his zone.

Colten Teubert is waiting in the wings, but if the Oilers sell at the deadline, they need to go after some legitimate NHL defencemen — not guys

Nuge out

Edmonton Oilers forward Ryan Nugent-Hopkins is expected to miss seven to 10 days due to a left shoulder injury.

► The 18-year-old rookie was hurt after taking a hit from Mike Brown early in the third period of Monday's 6-3 loss to the Maple Leafs in Toronto.

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who have been tossed away by several other franchises, as Barker and

Potter had been.

Smyth is unlikely to be moved, but Ales Hemsky is a possibility and his playmaking hops make him a good candidate for rental status at the deadline, particularly because of his expiring contract.

If I'm Edmonton, I make sure a bona fide NHL defender comes back in the deal, even if it's not a player who ordinarily plays in the top-four.

The Oilers need steady minutes the rest of the way out, as that soft underbelly has been more than exposed already.

Nolan hangs up his skates

Owen Nolan, who hasn't played in the NHL since the 2009-10 season, announced his retirement Tuesday at the San Jose Sharks' home rink.

"I guess I've known this day was here for a while," said Nolan, a five-time all-star and Olympic gold medallist with Canada. "It's tough to give it up when your heart and mind wants to keep doing it. My body can't keep up and I had to accept that."

Nolan, who lives in San Jose, played 18 seasons and scored 422 goals with 463 assists in 1,200 games. He



"I knew when I retired I would return to San Jose."

OWEN NOLAN

played for the Quebec Nordiques and Colorado Avalanche, the Sharks, Toronto Maple Leafs, Phoenix Coyotes, Calgary Flames and, most recently, the Minnesota Wild.

Nolan was with the Wild

in 2009-10 and played in Zurich last year.

Nolan retired ranked 71st on the NHL's career goals list, 33rd in power-play goals and 100th in points.

The former Sharks captain, who turns 40 Sunday, was the first overall pick in the 1990 draft and reached the NHL after playing six games with the AHL's Halifax Citadels.

Nolan said he will spend time with his family before deciding whether he will return to hockey in some capacity.

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RETIREMENT

Williams
leaves
NFL again

Ricky Williams is retiring from the NFL.

Again.

This time, however, it appears to be for good.

The 34-year-old Williams told the Baltimore Ravens on Tuesday that he won't be back to fulfil the second year of a contract he signed in August. Playing as a backup to Ray Rice this year, Williams ran for

444 yards and scored two touchdowns.

He also became the 26th player in NFL history to reach 10,000 yards rushing, reaching the plateau in the season finale at Cincinnati.

Williams retired previously before the 2004 season when facing a four-game suspension for violating the league's drug policy. He returned in 2005, then left to spend the 2006 season with the CFL's Toronto Argonauts.

Williams scored 73 touchdowns over his career, all but eight of them on the ground.

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NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	OTL	SL	GF	GA	Pts	Home	Away	Last 10	Strk
d-NY Rangers	51	33	13	1	4	141	103	71	16-2-0-2	17-7-1-2	6-3-0-1	L1
d-Boston	51	33	16	1	1	180	111	68	17-9-1-1	16-7-0-0	5-4-1-0	W1
d-Washington	53	28	21	2	2	149	149	60	17-9-0-1	9-14-2-1	4-4-2-0	W1
Philadelphia	53	30	16	2	5	173	157	67	12-8-1-4	18-8-1-1	4-3-0-3	L3
New Jersey	53	31	19	1	2	150	148	65	15-9-0-2	16-10-1-0	7-2-0-1	W5
Pittsburgh	54	30	19	2	3	163	141	65	15-7-2-0	15-12-0-3	7-2-0-1	L2
Toronto	54	28	20	3	3	168	157	62	16-8-2-2	12-12-1-1	6-3-0-1	L1
Ottawa	56	27	22	5	2	162	174	61	14-11-1-1	13-11-4-1	2-7-1-0	L7
Florida	52	24	17	5	6	131	149	59	13-5-1-6	11-12-4-0	3-4-1-2	L2
Winnipeg	55	25	24	3	3	131	151	56	16-8-0-2	9-16-3-1	4-5-0-1	W1
NY Islanders	52	22	22	5	3	126	150	52	11-11-5-0	11-11-1-2	6-2-1-1	W1
Tampa Bay	52	23	24	2	3	148	176	51	15-8-1-1	8-16-1-2	6-3-1-0	L1
Montreal	54	21	24	2	7	140	147	51	11-11-2-5	10-13-0-2	5-4-0-1	W2
Buffalo	52	22	24	3	3	126	154	50	11-9-3-3	11-15-0-0	4-5-0-1	W1
Carolina	54	20	25	5	4	137	165	49	14-12-4-3	6-13-5-1	6-2-1-1	W2

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	OTL	SL	GF	GA	Pts	Home	Away	Last 10	Strk
d-Detroit	54	35	17	1	1	172	129	72	20-2-1-0	15-15-0-1	7-2-0-1	L2
d-Vancouver	53	33	15	0	5	171	133	71	15-5-0-4	18-9-0-1	6-2-0-2	W2
d-San Jose	50	29	15	3	3	145	117	64	17-8-2-0	12-7-1-3	5-4-0-1	L1
St. Louis	52	31	14	1	6	129	106	69	22-3-1-3	9-11-0-3	6-2-1-1	W1
Nashville	54	32	17	3	2	152	140	69	17-7-2-2	15-10-1-0	7-2-0-1	L1
Chicago	54	29	18	3	3	171	163	65	19-6-1-3	10-12-3-0	3-5-2-0	L6
Los Angeles	54	26	18	4	6	118	117	62	15-11-0-4	11-7-4-2	5-3-1-1	W1
Minnesota	53	25	20	2	6	122	136	58	13-7-1-2	12-13-1-4	3-5-0-2	L2
Phoenix	54	25	21	3	5	143	143	58	12-10-2-2	13-11-1-3	5-4-0-1	W3
Colorado	55	27	25	2	1	140	153	57	15-13-0-1	12-12-2-0	4-5-0-1	W1
Dallas	52	27	23	0	2	137	148	56	15-10-0-2	12-13-0-0	3-6-0-1	L1
Calgary	53	24	22	4	4	126	144	55	14-6-1-1	10-14-2-3	5-3-0-2	L1
Anaheim	52	20	24	4	4	135	156	48	14-13-2-0	6-11-2-4	7-2-1-0	W1
Edmonton	53	21	27	1	4	141	158	47	15-8-1-2	6-19-0-6	5-4-0-1	L1
Columbus	53	15	32	1	5	123	175	36	9-13-1-2	6-19-0-3	3-6-0-1	W2

d — division leaders ranked 1-2-3 regardless of points; a team winning in overtime or shootout is credited with two points and a victory in the W column; the team losing in overtime or shootout receives one point which is registered in the OTL (overtime loss) or SL (shootout loss) column.

Last night's results

Montreal 3 Pittsburgh 2 (SO)
Winnipeg 2 Toronto 1
Vancouver 4 Nashville 3 (SO)
St. Louis 3 Ottawa 1
Colorado 5 Chicago 2
Columbus 3 Minnesota 1
Los Angeles 3 Tampa Bay 1
New Jersey 1 N.Y. Rangers 0
N.Y. Islanders 1 Philadelphia 0 (SO)
Phoenix 4 Dallas 1

Monday's results

Toronto 6 Edmonton 3
Anaheim 3 Calgary 2 (SO)
Phoenix 3 Detroit 1

Tonight's games

All Times Eastern

Boston at Buffalo, 7:30 p.m.
Edmonton at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Carolina at Anaheim, 10 p.m.
Calgary at San Jose, 10 p.m.

Tomorrow's games

St. Louis at New Jersey, 7 p.m.
Montreal at N.Y. Islanders, 7 p.m.
Tampa Bay at N.Y. Rangers, 7 p.m.
Toronto at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Winnipeg at Washington, 7 p.m.
Dallas at Columbus, 7 p.m.

Nashville at Ottawa, 7:30 p.m.
Los Angeles at Florida, 7:30 p.m.
Vancouver at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Calgary at Phoenix, 9 p.m.

Friday's games

Dallas at Buffalo, 7:30 p.m.
Anaheim at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Carolina at Colorado, 9 p.m.
Chicago at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.

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SEMIFINALS

Today's games

All Times Eastern

At Bata, Equatorial Guinea

Zambia vs. Ghana, 11 a.m.

At Libreville, Gabon

Mali vs. Ivory Coast, 2 p.m.

THIRD PLACE

Saturday's game

At Malabo, Equatorial Guinea

Semifinal Losers, 2 p.m.

CHAMPIONSHIP

Sunday's game

At Libreville, Gabon

Semifinal Winners, 2 p.m.

ENGLAND

FA CUP

FOURTH ROUND — REPLAY

Yesterday's results

Sheffield Wednesday 0 Blackpool 3

Southampton 2 Millwall 3

SCOTLAND

PREMIER LEAGUE

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Celtic	24	19	2	3	48	16	59
Rangers	25	18	4	3	47	14	58
Motherwell	23	11	5	7	28	28	38
Hearts	24	10	5	9	30	18	35
St. Johnstone	24	10	5	9	32	27	35
Aberdeen	25	7	8	10	27	30	29
Kilmarnock	24	6	10	8	28	35	28
Dundee United	24	6	9	9	33	38	27
St. Mirren	25	6	9	10	25	36	27
Inverness	24	7	5	12	30	40	26
Dunfermline	24	4	6	14	26	51	18
Hibernian	24	4	6	14	24	45	18

Yesterday's result

Dunfermline 1 Kilmarnock 1

SPAIN

COPA DEL REY

SEMIFINALS — SECOND LEG

Athletic Bilbao 6 Mirandes 2
(Athletic Bilbao advances on 8-3 aggregate)

GERMANY

GERMAN CUP

QUARTER-FINALS

Yesterday's result

Hoffenheim vs. Borussia Dortmund 4

Today's games

Hoffenheim vs. Greuther Fuerth
Hertha Berlin vs. Borussia Moenchengladbach
Stuttgart vs. Bayern Munich

FRANCE

COUPE DE FRANCE

ROUND OF 16

Yesterday's results

Rennes 3 Evian 2

Quevilly vs. Orleans (ppd., frozen pitch)
Dijon vs. Paris Saint-Germain (ppd., frozen pitch)

Today's games

Bourg-Peronnas vs. Marseille (ppd., frozen pitch)
Valenciennes vs. Lille
Chateauroux vs. Montpellier
Gazélec Ajaccio vs. Drancy
Lyon vs. Bordeaux

TENNIS

WTA OPEN GAZ DE FRANCE SUEZ

At Paris

Singles — First Round

Tsvetana Pironkova, Bulgaria, def. Li Na (3), China, 7-6 (5), 3-2, retired.
Julia Georges (6), Germany, def. Shahar Peer, Israel, 6-1, 6-3.

Angelique Kerber (9), Germany, def. Lucie Safarova, Czech Republic, 6-2, 7-6 (3).

Mona Barthel, Germany, def. Barbora Zahlavova Strycova, Czech Republic, 6-3, 6-2.

Petra Cetkovska, Czech Republic, def. Alberta Brianti, Italy, 6-3, 6-3.

Chanelle Scheepers, South Africa, def. Polona Hercog, Slovenia, 6-2, 6-2.

Petra Martic, Croatia, def. Greta Arn, Hungary, 6-4, 6-4.

Doubles — First Round

Jill Craybas, U.S., and Barbora Zahlavova Strycova, Czech Republic, def. Natalie Grandin, South Africa, and Vladimira Ulhova (2), Czech Republic, 7-6 (6), 2-6, 10-6 (tiebreak).

Monica Niculescu, Romania, and Alicia Rosolska (4), Poland, def. Eva Hrdinova and Kristyna Pliskova, Czech Republic, 6-4, 5-7, 10-6 (tiebreak).

Julie Coin and Pauline Parmentier, France, def. Liga Dekmeijere, Latvia, and Sandra Klemenschtis, Austria, 1-6, 7-5, 10-6 (tiebreak).

Alberta Brianti, Italy, and Alize Cornet, France, def. Nina Bratchikova, Russia, and Darija Jurak, Croatia, 7-5, 6-2.

WTA PTT PATTAYA WOMEN'S OPEN

At Pattaya, Thailand

Singles — First Round

Vera Zvonareva (1), Russia, def. Varatchaya Wongteanchai, Thailand, 6-2, 7-5.

Anne Keothavong, Britain, def. Dominika Cibulkova (2), Slovakia, 6-4, 6-1.

Daniela Hantuchova (3), Slovakia, def. Nugnada Wannasuk, Thailand, 6-2, 6-0.

Maria Kirilenko (4), Russia, def. Casey Dellacqua, Australia, 4-6, 7-6 (6), 6-3.

Hsieh Su-wei, Taiwan, def. Zheng Jie (5), China, 6-3, 6-2.

Tamarine Tanasugarn, Thailand, def. Galina Voskoboeva (6), Kazakhstan, 6-3, 4-2 (retired).

Vania King (8), U.S., def. Heather Watson, Britain, 6-4, 6-2.

Chang Kai-chen, Taiwan, def. Eleni Daniilidou, Greece, 7-5, 6-1.

Misaki Doi, Japan, def. Noppawon Lertcheewakarn, Thailand, 6-1, 6-3.

Alla Kudryavtseva, Russia, def. Zhou Yi-Miao, China, 6-1, 7-5.

Kimiko Date-Krumm, Japan, def. Ncha Lertpitakinsinai, Thailand, 6-1, 6-1.

Algul Amanmuradova, Uzbekistan, def. Laura Robson, Britain, 5-2 (retired).

Sania Mirza, India, def. Ayumi Morita, Japan, 3-6, 6-1, 6-2.

Urszula Radwanska, Poland, def. Anastasia Pivovaro, Russia, 6-4, 6-1.

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AP MEN'S TOP 25

Last night's results

No. 1 Kentucky 78 No. 8 Florida 58

No. 3 Ohio State 87 Purdue 84

Evansville 65 No. 17 Creighton 57

Tonight's games

All Times Eastern

No. 2 Syracuse vs. No. 12 Georgetown, 7 p.m.

No. 5 North Carolina vs. No. 10 Duke, 9 p.m.

No. 6 Baylor vs. No. 7 Kansas, 7 p.m.

No. 11 Michigan State vs. Penn State, 6:30 p.m.

No. 15 Florida State at Boston College, 7 p.m.

No. 19 Virginia vs. Wake Forest, 7:30 p.m.

No. 22 Michigan at Nebraska, 8:30 p.m.

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FIRST ROUND

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	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
1. Indianapolis	2	14	.125	138	118	.539
2. St. Louis	2	14	.125	151	105	.590
3. Minnesota	3	13	.188	143	113	.559
4. Cleveland	4	12	.250	136	120	.531
5. Tampa Bay	4	12	.250	141	115	.551
6. Washington	5	11	.313	122	134	.477
7. Jacksonville	5	11	.313	128	128	.500
8. x-Carolina	6	10	.375	129	127	.504
9. x-Miami	6	10	.375	129	127	.504
10. Buffalo	6	10	.375	133	123	.520
11. x-Kansas City	7	9	.438	131	125	.512
12. x-Seattle	7	9	.438	131	125	.512
13. Arizona	8	8	.500	120	136	.469
14. Dallas	8	8	.500	121	135	.473
15. Philadelphia	8	8	.500	125	131	.488
16. N.Y. Jets	8	8	.500	128	128	.500
17. Oakland	8	8	.500	129	127	.504
18. San Diego	8	8	.500	132	124	.516
19. Chicago	8	8	.500	135	121	.527
20. Tennessee	9	7	.563	118	138	.461
21. Cincinnati	9	7	.563	126	130	.492
22. Atlanta	10	6	.625	123	133	.480
23. Detroit	10	6	.625	137	119	.535
24. Pittsburgh	12	4	.750	126	130	.492
25. Denver	8	8	.500	133	123	.520
26. Houston	10	6	.625	116	140	.453
27. New Orleans	3	3	.813	113	143	.441
28. Green Bay	15	1	.938	117	139	.457
29. Baltimore	12	4	.750	122	134	.477
30. San Francisco	3	3	.813	115	141	.449
31. New England	3	3	.813	115	141	.449
32. N.Y. Giants	9	7	.563	133	123	.520

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Out with the V-8

What will likely go unnoticed is the lack of a V-8 option, leaving the GS 350 and the gasoline-electric hybrid GS 450h as the only models. The V-8 GS 460 cost an additional \$11,400 over and above the GS 350 when it last appeared in Canada for the 2010 model year and was never a big seller. Its relatively poor fuel economy also didn't help. Replacing the GS 460 is the V-6 F Sport that has its own front clip, mesh grille, body trim, 19-inch wheels and variable suspension and steering systems that continuously adjust to road conditions and driver inputs.

In with the V-6

It might have a V-6, but the GS 350 is hardly slow. It can scoot to 100 km/h from zero in a Lexus-reported 6.3 seconds, which is a tick more than the second-generation GS 450h that arrives later in the 2012 model year. That model should be the undisputed hot rod in the bunch. What V-8?

The V-6 has been updated with direct fuel injection whereby gas is more accurately metered directly into the combustion chambers.

Transmission

The F Sport uses the same carryover 306-horsepower 3.5-litre V-6 as the standard GS 350. It's connected to a six-speed automatic transmission that "blips" the throttle for smoother downshifts (called rev matching). Compared to the GS 350, the F Sport adds a level to the standard driver-selectable operating mode that firms up the suspension and sharpens the steering.



Lexus GS still living in the fast lane



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Wooring and winning over significant numbers of up-scale-car buyers has been a successful venture for Toyota's premium brand and the latest GS series should literally accelerate this trend despite being down a couple of cylin-

ders.

Why? Well, for one thing the 2013 GS, which is slated for a February debut, is leading Lexus out of the design doldrums where, along with many of its stable mates, the car has been.

Nothing overly radical mind you, since the 2013 GS shares a number of

physical and mechanical components with its 2012 counterpart, but at both ends the revisions are obvious.

The reshaped nosepiece displays a large air intake below the grille with additional side intakes that also serve as fog-light housings. The confluence of shapes and angles at

the business end might not rank as an artistic tour de force, but it's certainly character building and that will help you spot the GS in a parking lot.

The starting-point GS 350 rings in at stout \$54,000, including destination costs, which is about the same as the out-

going model, while the F Sport will likely sticker in the vicinity of \$61,500.

The hybrid is estimated in the mid-\$70,000 range to start.

That's a lot of cabbage, but this is still life in the fast lane with the GS well within sight of other luxury competitors and their six-cylinder offerings.

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► It's a compact four-door, front-drive, four-cylinder Dodge sedan, that's largely Fiat, and has the historic Dart name ... what could possibly go wrong?



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It was only a matter of time before this kind of thing happened. Fiat said all along it was going to bring its platforms to North America to backstop the Chrysler and Dodge brands and here's the first one.

Let the lynching begin. "Sorry but two words ... junk it ... it's not a Dodge Dart ..." writes someone on Dodge's own Facebook "fan" page.

"I think it is ugly and doesn't deserve the DART name!" writes another seething soul on the Auto Shift Weekly Facebook page where a half dozen 2013 Dart photos are posted.

"I have a 1969 Dart (and) this is nothing like it in any way, shape or form."

OK, we get the picture. The new Dart is not an old Dart and it doesn't look like an old Dart. Was it supposed to? Did someone at Dodge say it would? Or is that naturally assumed just because of the name?

Using an old name doesn't mean that the old car comes with it. History is littered with examples of badges put on cars that were never intended to pay homage to the original, so why the outrage?

To put it rather mildly, Dodge fanatics are, well, exactly that. And then some.

"Italian crap, please, burn it to the ground! Dodge will never be FIAT!" writes another "hater."

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Dodge says there are seven wheel options, 12 colours and apparently more than 150 customization options and themed packages for the car. You're going to get your Dart your way.

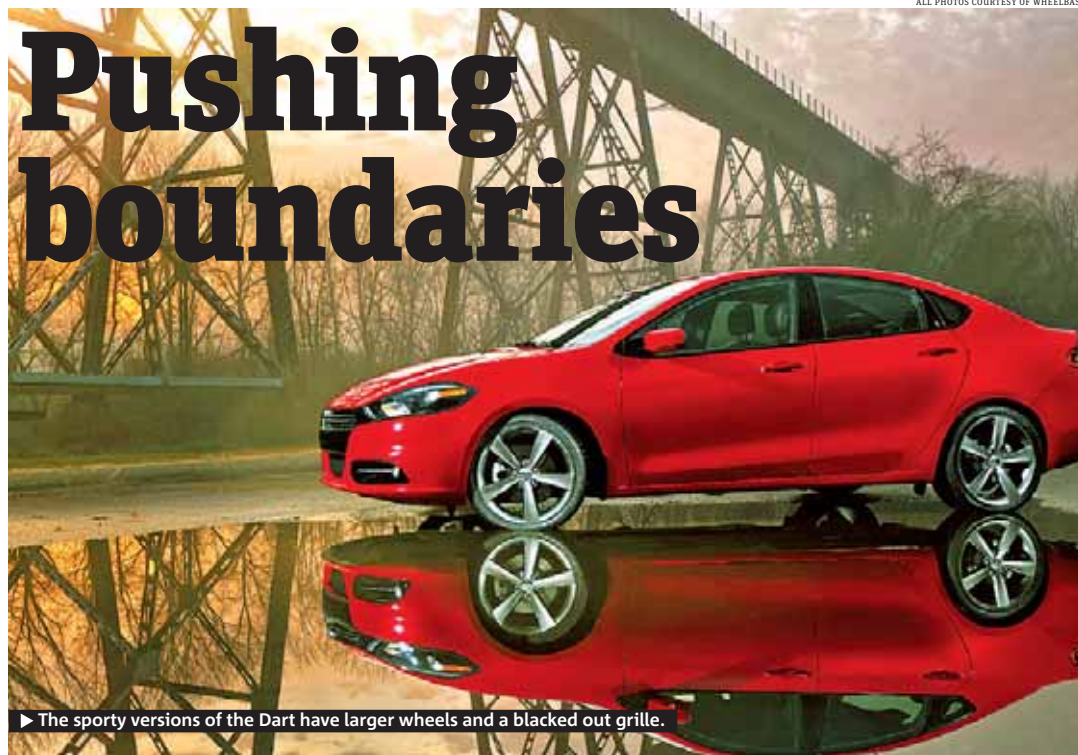
Many are still angered by the fact the current Charger has four doors and not two, even though the new car is light years ahead of the original in terms of performance and comfort.

It's ironic, really, that those same people are trashing the Dart as nothing more than a badge on a Fiat. You don't see them trashing the coveted Dodge Challenger because it's essentially a two-door version of the maligned Charger, do you? Far from it.

So, if it's about the name and the number of doors, why wouldn't Dodge just call it something else in the first place, like Giulietta as the hatchback platform is known back in Italy?

Likely being sensitive to the Fiat-izing of the Dodge brand — which Fiat saved, by the way — what better way to keep the connection with Dodge than to saddle what is largely an Italian compact car with an all-American one-syllable name: Dart.

But, Dodge fans are terminally nostalgic and no amount of song and dance is going to convince them



► The sporty versions of the Dart have larger wheels and a blacked out grille.

that the new Dart by Fiat is deserving of the Dart badge.

"We want nostalgia ... and not just by use of a 'name.'"

Nostalgia?

The naysayers have foggy memories of what the old Dart was actually about: it's appeal was as a four-door grocery-getter and by the mid-1970s it was a cheaply made one at that.

Of course, the romantics recall the sporty two-door models of the late 1960s and early 1970s that reached star status with their ability to take down cars with much larger en-

gines.

In reality, they were a very small piece of the Dart pie. And the reality today is that Dodge needs a small car to sell as a competitor to the Ford Focus, Chevy Cruze and Hyundai Elantra, and not another rear-wheel-drive V-8 tire fryer like the Challenger SRT8 392.

And here it is. Available only as a front-wheel-drive sedan, 2013 Dart will be available with one of three four-cylinder engines, all of which are from Fiat, which is no problem since there are no other Dodge products to donate the powertrains.

The first is a 160-horsepower 2.0-litre four-cylinder. Optional is the 1.4-litre turbocharged "Multiair" four-cylinder. This will be the best choice for fuel economy and all-around power. It's lifted from the Fiat 500 Abarth model.

Multiair is a term that describes the variable intake-valve timing. There is no camshaft to actuate the valves. Instead they are controlled hydraulically by electronics, which means the valve timing for each cylinder can be tailored cylinder to cylinder and depending on engine revs and load. At the

top is a 184-horsepower four-cylinder 2.4-litre non-turbo Multiair.

If you spend enough time examining the car, you just can't dismiss it based on its name or the fact it's part Italian ... from an Italian company that happens to own Ferrari.

Perhaps this Facebook post sums it up.

"... it's all good for me, name and all. Who cares where its origins come from, a real good move on Chryco's part. I don't hear anyone complaining where the Cruze or the Fiesta actually comes from! I think they finally got this right ... time will tell."

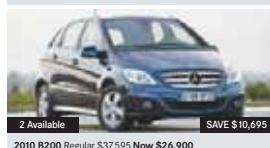
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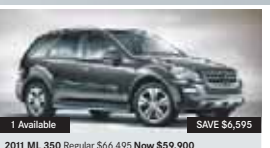
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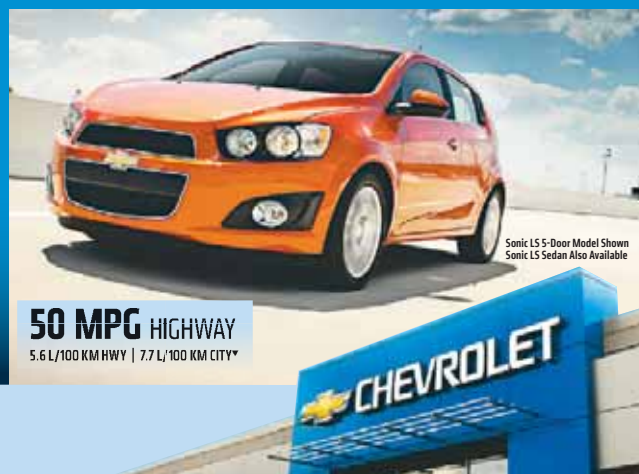
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Not many Canadians know about bio-diesel producer, BIOX, let alone that it uses stuff like chicken and pork fat to create eco-friendly fuel.

But stakeholders in the bio-fuel movement have always been hip to BIOX and its unique and patented process.

"The technology was developed at the University of Toronto, in the late 1990s, when it made absolutely no sense to turn vegetable oils and animal fats into diesel fuel," notes Kevin Norton, CEO and co-founder of BIOX. During those years, he notes that petroleum-based diesel was cheap and biodiesel feedstock was high. Net result: the research was somewhat "academic."

By 2000, realizing government and consumer appetite for green fuel was going gangbusters, the founders of BIOX started to test the technology for commercial potential.

In 2001 BIOX acquired its worldwide rights. In 2007 its plant in Hamilton, Ont., was completed, and has been working virtually non-stop at full capacity ever since, pumping out biodiesel at a rate of about 60 million litres per year, establishing itself as one of



► Tucked in Hamilton's industrial waterfront, the BIOX plant is one of the largest "continuous flow" biodiesel production facilities in the world.

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The best way to understand the BIOX process is to first look at the "traditional" process. Traditional methods need a lot of energy and time to first deal with the Free Fatty Acid (FFA) content in some feedstock.

They need an additional layer to treat the FFA, or use feedstock with very little FFA, such as soya or canola. BIOX has no such trouble.

The other huge advantage of the BIOX process is that it is continuous. Feedstock goes in one end and biodiesel comes out the other. In contrast, the traditional process is a batch process.

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BIOX also considers itself "supply agnostic." They are not committed to any particular raw material stream or industry.

"We know the raw material markets are going to change," says Norton.



"We actually source on a weekly basis, in about a 500-mile radius of the plant. We buy based on availability, price and logistics. It's a different combination every week."

Diesel transportation fuel in Canada must contain a two per cent renewable component.

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But the U.S. is further along with both regula-

tions and tax incentives, and that's where the big demand is for biodiesel, and where all of BIOX's fuel currently heads.

That demand helped, and continues to help, the U.S. biodiesel industry; it is clearly ahead of Canada's.

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Taking a place as Honda's entry product, Fit is a five-door hatch with a small, efficient engine, a surprisingly flexible and spacious interior and good long-term value.

Expect good fuel economy, and features including a folding rear seat system that enabled easy loading of larger items like a flat-screen TV, bicycle or German shepherd.



2007-08 Honda Fit

Engine

All last-generation Fit models got a 1.5-litre four-cylinder engine with 109 horsepower and a five-speed gearbox in the driver's choice of manual or automatic. All units were front-wheel drive.



What owners like

Fit owners rave about mileage, versatility, handling, braking, manoeuvrability, visibility, ergonomics, and a surprising level of on-board roominess despite the machine's compact size.



What owners dislike

Complaints include a noisy engine and ride, abrupt ride characteristics in some situations, and diminished performance when the vehicle is loaded up.



Common issues

On a test-drive, be sure to inspect your potential used Fit candidate for signs of rust or peeling and damaged paint. Be sure the rear hatch stays open on its own — and that the strut that lifts and supports it isn't worn out.

Inspect the seats and carpeting for signs of accelerated wear, which some owners note as an issue. If the fabric or carpet material is worn through, ripped or faded, call it into pricing negotiations. Finally, the Fit should steer easily and smoothly at any speed as well as when stopped.

Verdict

Used car shoppers can expect the Fit to command a premium in the market, though above-average reliability, versatility and driving pleasure can be expected in return.

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Tire wear: Why you should care



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The most important safety items on your vehicle, above all others, are your tires. And that's especially important in winter, when they have to deal with a wide variety of surfaces, including snow, slush and ice.

Winter tires do a far better job than all-season tires, even on dry pavement: once the temperature drops below 7C, their more pliable rubber compound and aggressive tread do a better job of gripping the road.

I experienced the worst of winter driving at an event showcasing the new Michelin X-Ice Xi3 winter tire, which goes on sale next fall. I drove on several surfaces with brand-new Xi3 tires, but perhaps the most eye-opening was when the company sent me out on worn ones. As your tires wear, you need

to be aware of how they're changing and adjust your driving habits if necessary.

Tire treads consist of "blocks," squares of rubber that bite into snow; grooves and channels that evacuate water; and sipes, tiny slits in the blocks that improve traction.

As the tires wear, the blocks will become smooth and the channels will become shallower, making it harder for the tire to grip the surface and displace water.

This can potentially lead to a dangerous situation called hydroplaning, where the tire "floats" on top of puddles and slush, rather than pushing water aside so it can contact the asphalt.

The Xi3's special design helps to give it even tread wear as it ages, but many tires will wear unevenly, especially if they're running with the wrong air pressure. This will gradually affect how they han-

dle.

On an ice and snow course, driving on four brands of tires all worn to the same degree, I quickly noticed the difference.

One had difficulty getting traction on an incline, while another had lost much of its lateral stability: on sharp curves, it tended to slip sideways.

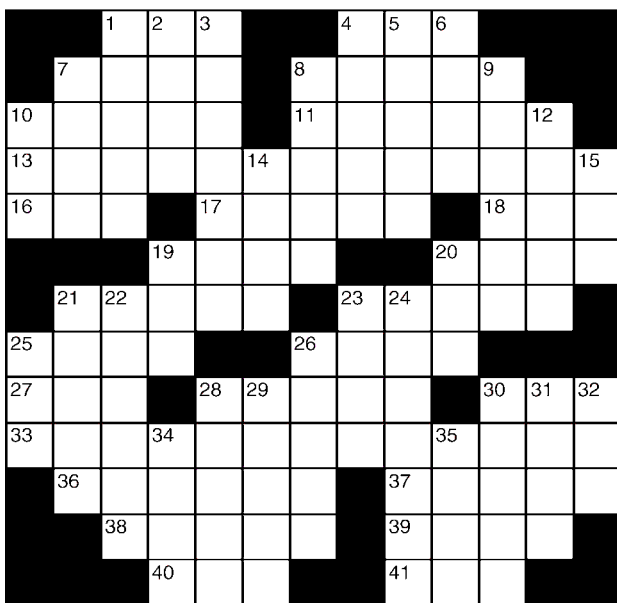
Most importantly, while some were better than others, none of them stopped as quickly as a car with newer tires. No matter what type of tires or the season, you should be regularly analyzing how your car behaves. Any time you realize that your driving is overly compensating for your tires, it's time to have them checked, and if necessary, replaced.

Every time you leave your driveway, your safety, your family's safety, and that of other drivers starts with the condition of your tires.

Crossword

Across

- 1 Prof's degree
- 4 Pismire
- 7 Rock music's Motley
- 8 Circus performer
- 10 Straighten
- 11 More frosted
- 13 Sunflower State's largest city
- 16 Powell co-star
- 17 Gerrymandered
- 18 Gratuity
- 19 Yank
- 20 Partner
- 21 Aroma
- 23 Gives as an example
- 25 "— have thought ...?"
- 26 Discourteous
- 27 Debtor's letters
- 28 Trap
- 30 Upper surface
- 33 Sooner State's second-largest city
- 36 Grow canines, e.g.
- 37 Occupied
- 38 Needle cases
- 39 Square
- 40 Suitable
- 41 Lair

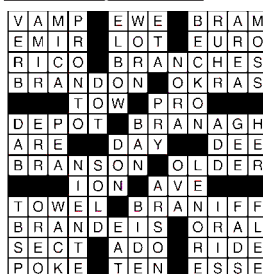


- 14 Legal wrong
- 15 Agent
- 19 Clamptet patriarch
- 20 Packed away
- 21 Yell
- 22 Grand — Dam
- 23 Ringlet
- 24 Came up with
- 25 Humor
- 26 Lawn care tools
- 28 Stopped slouching
- 29 Like a rare game
- 30 Fare, maybe
- 31 Portent
- 32 Skillet
- 34 Bristle
- 35 Own

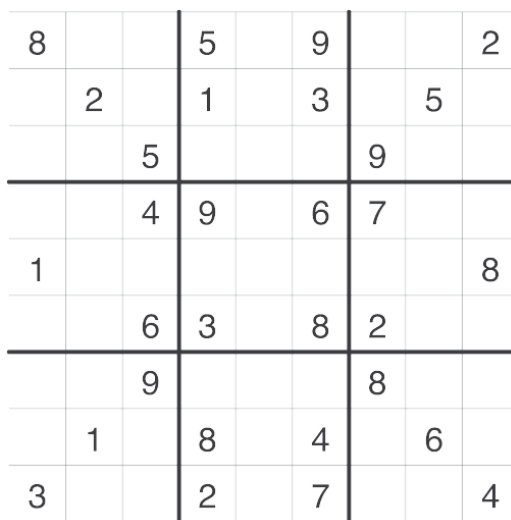
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- 1 Expensive
- 2 Grant or Jackman
- 3 Dweller
- 4 Similar
- 5 Wanderer
- 6 Castor or Pollux
- 7 Advertising award
- 8 Grouch
- 9 Snuggle up
- 10 Piercing tool
- 12 Track components

► Yesterday's answer



Sudoku



How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

► Yesterday's answer

7	5	9	8	6	4	3	2	1
8	3	2	9	1	5	7	4	6
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6	9	4	1	2	8	5	7	3
5	8	3	7	4	9	6	1	2

Send a KISS

You can now post your kiss, and read even more kisses, at metronews.ca/kiss.

Muffin, Just want you to know you are thought of every minute! I ADORE every inch of you, you are my soul mate! I am Soooo in Love with you and have been for almost 10 years, wow is all I can say! PIE

Baby Lee, The past while has been amazing with you. I miss you every minute we're apart. Thank you for being who you are, and thank you for accepting me for who I am. I look forward to spending every day with you. I love you very much, never forget that!

LADY LOVER

On the bus, It was amazing i have never felt that way before when we met on bus and kissed 4 years. i still remember the moment. Unfortunately we parted at Dec30 even though we miss and love each other it is not that easy to be there.

MEET TOGETHER

A look at the weather

TODAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
☀ Min -11° Max -5°	☀ Min -14° Max -7°	☁ Min -13° Max -3°

Michele McDougall Weather Specialist

"My favourite part is reporting the weather. It fascinates me, and as we know around here, it's always changing, keeping forecasters on their toes". WEEKDAYS 5:30 AM



Today's horoscope

♈ Aries March 21-April 20

This is a great time for you and the entry of Venus into your sign will make it 10 times better.

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21

Pay a bit more attention to what other people are saying. If you don't you could lose out financially.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21

Whatever setbacks you may have endured of late, you can be confident that the worst is over.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22

Keep telling yourself that you are destined for greatness. It's not a long way from the truth as it happens, but you've got to believe it.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug. 23

If you need assistance with something today, you should find it easy enough to ask for it.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24-Sept. 22

You are under no illusions as to what your limits are but you also know that you have talents other people do not possess.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23

This is one of the best times of the year for partnership matters, be they personal or professional.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22

Difficult decisions will come easy to you today but don't think you have to change everything.

For today's crossword answers and for expanded horoscopes, go to metronews.ca

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21

With Venus on your side over the next few weeks, you don't have to smash your way to success.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20

You'll go out of your way to be nice to family and friends, whether or not they have been nice to you.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18

Keep things simple today. That applies to all areas of your life but especially to travel and social plans.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20

You may be nice by nature but that does not mean you should let people off the hook when they've done wrong. **SALLY BROMPTON**

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